

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02372-TSC**

BUZZFEED INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/15/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/15/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5738029) filed by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F, # <u>7</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>8</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/15/2018)
10/15/2018	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/15/2018)
10/16/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zmd) (Entered: 10/16/2018)
10/16/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd)

		(Entered: 10/16/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 10/30/2018 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/29/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/29/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/28/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Olson, Lisa) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than 1/7/19. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 11/28/18. (DJS) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
12/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/7/2019. (tb) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>8</u>	MOTION to Stay by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Olson, Lisa) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
12/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Granting <u>8</u> Motion to Stay. All deadlines are hereby STAYED. Defendant's counsel shall notify the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the Justice Department, and it is further ordered, that all current deadlines for the parties shall be extended commensurate with the duration of the lapse in appropriations. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 12/26/18. (DJS) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
01/28/2019	<u>9</u>	NOTICE to the Court of Restoration of Appropriations by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Olson, Lisa) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
01/29/2019	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Joint Status Report by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Olson, Lisa) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Deadlines. The parties shall file a joint status report by February 21, 2019. The report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 1/30/19. (DJS) (Entered: 01/30/2019)
02/07/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/21/2019. (tb) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
02/21/2019	<u>11</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....Joint STATUS REPORT by BUZZFEED INC.. (Topic, Matthew) Modified on 2/25/2019 (jf). (Entered: 02/21/2019)
02/21/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 02/21/2019)
02/25/2019		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re <u>11</u> Status Report was entered in error as a duplicate filing re <u>12</u> (jf) (Entered: 02/25/2019)
02/27/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report <u>11</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by 5/30/19 and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the parties propose a production schedule and/or briefing

		schedule, the status report shall include a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 2/27/19. (DJS) (Entered: 02/27/2019)
03/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/30/2019. (tb) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>13</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/25/2019)
05/30/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Olson, Lisa) (Entered: 05/30/2019)
06/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joints status report <u>14</u> , it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint status report and proposed order by August 8, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 6/7/19. (DJS) (Entered: 06/07/2019)
06/10/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/8/2019. (tb) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
08/06/2019	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
08/08/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Olson, Lisa) (Entered: 08/08/2019)
08/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The parties shall submit their next Joint Status Report by October 30, 2019. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/8/2019. (lctsc3) (Entered: 08/08/2019)
08/09/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/30/2019. (tb) (Entered: 08/09/2019)
10/30/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Olson, Lisa) (Entered: 10/30/2019)